

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A positioning apparatus comprising:
 - a movable member for transmitting driving force
 - 5 in a driving-axis direction to a stage;
 - a first electromagnet for driving said movable member in the driving-axis direction by forming a magnetic path between said movable member and said first electromagnet and generating first magnetic flux;
 - 10 and
 - a second electromagnet, which is positioned away from said first electromagnet and arranged in an overlapping direction, for driving said movable member in the driving-axis direction by forming a magnetic
 - 15 path between said movable member and said second electromagnet and generating second magnetic flux having an inverted polarity from the first magnetic flux.
- 20 2. The positioning apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising current control means for applying currents of inverted polarities having substantially a same value to a first coil and a second coil so as to generate magnetic flux of different polarities in said
- 25 first electromagnet and said second electromagnet, said first coil wound around a core constituting said first electromagnet and said second coil wound around a core

constituting said second electromagnet in a same direction as the first coil.

3. The positioning apparatus according to claim 1,
5 wherein in a case where currents of a uniform polarity having substantially a same value are applied to the first coil and the second coil, a coil winding direction of the first coil wound around the core constituting said first electromagnet is opposite to a
10 coil winding direction of the second coil wound around the core constituting said second electromagnet.

4. The positioning apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said movable member comprises:
15 a movable core portion configured with a magnetic material, which forms magnetic paths respectively between said first electromagnet and said movable core portion, and said second electromagnet and said movable core portion; and
20 a supporting member configured with a nonmagnetic material, which supports said movable core portion.

5. The positioning apparatus according to claim 2,
further comprising a third electromagnet, which is
25 positioned away from said second electromagnet and arranged in the overlapping direction of said second electromagnet, for driving said movable member in the

driving-axis direction by forming a magnetic path
between said movable member and said third
electromagnet and generating magnetic flux having the
same polarity as that of the magnetic flux of said
5 first electromagnet.

6. The positioning apparatus according to claim 5,
wherein said current control means applies currents to
respective coils of said first electromagnet, said
10 second electromagnet and said third electromagnet at a
ratio of 1:2:1.

7. The positioning apparatus according to claim 3,
further comprising a third electromagnet, which is
15 positioned away from said second electromagnet and
arranged in the overlapping direction of said second
electromagnet, for driving said movable member in the
driving-axis direction by forming a magnetic path
between said movable member and said third
20 electromagnet and generating magnetic flux having the
same polarity as that of the magnetic flux of said
first electromagnet.

8. The positioning apparatus according to claim 7,
25 further comprising current control means for applying
currents to respective coils of said first
electromagnet, said second electromagnet and said third

electromagnet at a ratio of 1:2:1.

9. The positioning apparatus according to claim 1,
comprising a plurality of electromagnet units, having
5 said first electromagnet and said second electromagnet,
for driving the stage in X-axis, Y-axis and Z-axis
directions and a rotational direction around respective
axes.

10 10. The positioning apparatus according to claim 9,
further comprising a carriage stage for carrying said
apparatus on a XY plane.

11. A charged-particle-beam exposure apparatus
15 comprising:

a charged-particle source for irradiating a
charged-particle beam;

a first electron optical system, having a
plurality of electron lenses, for forming a plurality
20 of intermediate images of the charged-particle source
by the plurality of electron lenses;

a second electron optical system for projecting
the plurality of intermediate images, formed by said
first electron optical system, on a substrate; and

25 a positioning apparatus, holding the substrate,
for driving a stage to a predetermined position to
perform positioning of the stage,

wherein said positioning apparatus comprises:

a movable member for transmitting driving force
in a driving-axis direction to a stage;

a first electromagnet for driving said movable
5 member in the driving-axis direction by forming a
magnetic path between said movable member and said
first electromagnet and generating first magnetic flux;
and

a second electromagnet, which is positioned away
10 from said first electromagnet and arranged in an
overlapping direction, for driving said movable member
in the driving-axis direction by forming a magnetic
path between said movable member and said second
electromagnet and generating second magnetic flux
15 having an inverted polarity from the first magnetic
flux.

12. A device manufacturing method comprising:

a step of installing a plurality of semiconductor
20 manufacturing apparatuses, including a charged-
particle-beam exposure apparatus, in a factory; and

a step of manufacturing a semiconductor device by
the plurality of semiconductor manufacturing
apparatuses,

25 wherein the charged-particle-beam exposure
apparatus comprises:

a charged-particle source for irradiating a

charged-particle beam;

a first electron optical system, having a plurality of electron lenses, for forming a plurality of intermediate images of the charged-particle source
5 by the plurality of electron lenses;

a second electron optical system for projecting the plurality of intermediate images, formed by said first electron optical system, on a substrate; and

a positioning apparatus, holding the substrate,
10 for driving a stage to a predetermined position to perform positioning of the stage,

wherein said positioning apparatus comprises:

a movable member for transmitting driving force in a driving-axis direction to a stage;

15 a first electromagnet for driving said movable member in the driving-axis direction by forming a magnetic path between said movable member and said first electromagnet and generating first magnetic flux; and

20 a second electromagnet, which is positioned away from said first electromagnet and arranged in an overlapping direction, for driving said movable member in the driving-axis direction by forming a magnetic path between said movable member and said second
25 electromagnet and generating second magnetic flux having an inverted polarity from the first magnetic flux.